

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM KEANE**, on January 13, 2005 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jim Keane, Chairman (D)
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 10, 1/10/2005; HB 161,
1/10/2005; HB 89, 1/10/2005; HB
223, 1/10/2005; HB 62, 1/10/2005
Executive Action: HB 10; HB 180; HB 223

HEARING ON HB 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. GARY MATTHEWS (D), HD 40,
opened the hearing on HB 10, Single insurance producer license
for multilocation agencies.
00:02:58

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HB 161

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. WALTER MCNUTT (R), HD 37,
opened the hearing on HB 161, Revise certain workers'
compensation laws.
00:04:21

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:14 Jerry Keck, Dept of Labor and Industry
00:11:44 Nancy Butler, State Fund
00:11:59 George Wood, Self Insurers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:15

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 10

Motion/Vote: REP. MCKENNEY moved that HB 10 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING ON HB 89

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. JOHN WITT (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 89, Revise requirements for automated reporting system for gambling machines.

00:22:33

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:10 Gene Huntington, Department of Justice

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00:35:44 Rich Miller, Gaming Industry Association

00:36:53 Rhonda Peterson,

00:37:02 Mark Staples, Montana Tavern Association

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00:45:29 Mark Eli, Bingby Bingo in Billings

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:45

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:42

HEARING ON HB 223

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. LARRY JENT (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 223, Repeal foreign capital depository act.

01:29:52

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:32:48 Chris Olson, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:33:16

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:55

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 180

Motion: REP. MCKENNEY moved that HB 180 DO PASS.

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01:38:51

Substitute Motion: REP. VILLA moved that HB 189 BE AMENDED.

Discussion: Bart Campbell, legislative attorney, explained the amendment to the committee. Committee discussed the amendment and asked Bart Campbell questions about the amendment.

01:41:55

Vote: Motion carried 17-1 with JOPEK voting no.

Motion/Vote: REP. MCKENNEY moved that HB 180 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 175

Motion: REP. JOPEK moved that HB 175 DO PASS.

Discussion: Committee members discussed a possible amendment to this bill.

Motion: REP. JOPEK moved that HB 175 BE withdrawn.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 223

Motion/Vote: REP. DOWELL moved that HB 223 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING ON HB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66,
opened the hearing on **HB 62**, Require proof of insurance for
vehicle registration.
02:28:07

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:32:30 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Division
02:36:36 Ronda Carpenter-Wiggers, MT County Treasurer Assoc
02:38:17 Roger McGlenn, Independent Insurers Assoc

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:40:42

Closing by Sponsor:

02:58:41

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

REP. JIM KEANE, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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